## ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for Temporary Financial Assistance is limited to minor children of veterans. The parent must have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during one the following periods:

- December 7, 1941 — December 31, 1946
- June 25, 1950 — January 31, 1955
- February 28, 1961 — May 7, 1975
- August 24, 1982 — July 31, 1984
- December 20, 1989 — January 31, 1990
- August 2, 1990 — Cessation of hostilities as determined by the U.S. government.

***MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION IS NOT REQUIRED.***

Minor children include any unmarried child, stepchild and adopted child 17 years or younger. Children 18 to 20 years old will be considered if a current disability requires special schooling or indefinite in-home care, or if they are enrolled in an approved high school.

No child is considered eligible for TFA until a complete investigation is conducted, a legitimate family need is determined and all other available resources have been exhausted.

TFA applications must originate and be investigated at the local level. When all other possible resources have been utilized, contact your local American Legion post, department headquarters or department Children & Youth chairman.

## The American Legion Endowment Fund

Funds for the operation of the TFA program are provided from a share of the earnings of The American Legion Endowment Fund.

In 1925, World War I had been over for six years, but veterans and their spouses and children continued to struggle to adjust to the war's aftermath. The members of The American Legion, aware of the grave responsibility entrusted to them by those who had served, knew the time had come to take action.

More than 900,000 Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and other American citizens joined the campaign, raising nearly $5 million and establishing The American Legion Endowment Fund.

Since those early days, tens of millions of dollars have been distributed to disabled veterans and children of those who served our great nation, some of whom made the ultimate sacrifice.

To help us continue this proud tradition of service with a tax-deductible contribution, or to request more information about The American Legion Endowment Fund, contact:

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation
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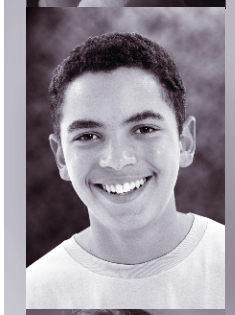

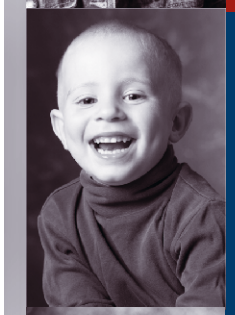

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*Helping children since 1925*

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## Americansim Commission's Committee on Children & Youth

Since 1919, The American Legion has remained committed to the health and welfare of our nation's veterans and families. Born out of this desire to serve, the Committee on Children & Youth established a form of direct aid to veterans' children in 1925 — Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). This landmark program continues to be unique in the field of social work today.

Through TFA, a post can call upon the national organization for cash assistance to help maintain the basic needs of veterans' children. Non-repayable grants are awarded to eligible families with a child in need when all other available resources have been exhausted.

### How TFA Helps Children

TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants, which contribute to a stable home environment. These grants help families meet the costs of shelter, utilities, food and medical expenses.

### Maintenance Grants

Maintenance grants may be used to assist with expenses for basic needs such as:

- Shelter
- Utilities
- Food
- Clothing

Maintenance grants cannot be awarded for previously incurred debt, except to prevent disconnection of utilities or stop eviction or foreclosure.

### Medical Grants

Medical grants for a child may be used to assist with healthcare expenses such as:

- Medical care
- Dental care
- Surgery
- Hospitalization
- Medications
- Dietary needs

Medical grants require a written statement from a physican outlining the problem, treatment, and esitmated costs. This type of grant must be approved before services are rendered. Medical grants can not be awarded for previous medical expenses or care.

### Application Process

All TFA applications originate at the local or post level. A local investigator personally visits the family to determine the children's needs. A completed application with supporting documents and proof of military service is forwarded to the department Children & Youth chairman or department adjutant. The designated department representative reviews each case, makes a recommendation and forwards the approved application to National Headquarters.

The Americanism Division reviews all approved cases and forwards recommendations to the national adjutant. Upon approval, checks are forwarded to department adjutants for delivery to posts or families. In most cases, checks will be two-party checks payable to the veteran and creditor(s).

Temporary Financial Assistance is a program of:

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